v.

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ABHINAV BHATNAGAR,

No. C 07-02669 CRB

Plaintiff,

**ORDER** 

JASON INGRASSIA, et al.,

Defendants.

Now pending before the Court is plaintiffs' motion in limine. Plaintiffs' motion for the application of issue preclusion is DENIED. See Davis v. Eide, 439 F.2d 1077, 1078 (9th Cir. 1971); Yezek v. Mitchell, 2007 WL 61887 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 8, 2007); McCoy v. Hernandez, 203 F.3d 371, 374-75 (5th Cir. 2000); Duncan v. Clements, 744 F.2d 48, 51-52 (8th Cir. 1984). The Court has finally decided this issue; plaintiff shall not engage in discovery that is relevant only to the question of issue preclusion.

As the Court indicated at oral argument, the results of the prior proceedings, and the findings from those proceedings, are nonetheless admissible and relevant to various issues in the case. After reviewing <u>United States v. Sine</u>, 493 F.3d 1021 (9th Cir. 2007), the Court concludes that it is premature to determine exactly how, and in what form, the evidence of the prior proceedings shall be admitted. Such a determination, as well as the determination

of the order of proof, cannot be made until the time of trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 5, 2008

CHARLES R. BREYER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE